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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

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1. LUSAKA EVENING ARRIVAL TIME PROPOSED REFTEL (A) WOULD SEVERELY CURTAIL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEETING ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS. BASED ON OUR PAST EXPERIENCE, MUST CAUTION IT MOST UNLIKELY WE CAN ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS DURING WEEKEND. WITH ELIMINATION OF FRIDAY AFTERNOON FROM ZAMBIA SCHEDULE EMBASSY BRIEFING CAN OF COURSE BE ARRANGED OVER WEEKEND BUT ANY MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS WILL BE CONFINED TO THOSE WHICH CAN BE SCHEDULED INTO ABOUT SEVEN HOUR PERIOD ON MONDAY. STRONGLY RECOMMEND RECONSIDERATION OF TRAVEL SCHEDULE TO PERMIT FRIDAY MORNING ARRIVAL AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

2. ZAMBIA AIRWAYS FLIGHT TO LIVINGSTON SATURDAY MORNING AUGUST 2 HAS BEEN FULLY BOOKED FOR MONTH OR MORE. UNLESS FELLOWS WILLING SETTLE FOR QUICKIE TRIP INVOLVING ARRIVAL LIVINGSTONE 2120 SATURDAY AND DEPARTURE 0710 SUNDAY, ROUND-TRIP AIR FLIGHT IMPOSSIBLE THAT WEEKEND. THIS LEAVES OPTIONS PROPOSED REFTEL C. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY RESERVED BUS FOR ROUND-TRIP LUSAKA-LIVINGSTONE AUG 2-3 BUT HAVE DELAYED CONFIRMATION PENDING RESPONSE TO REFTEL C. ASSUMING SPACE STILL AVAILABLE, PARTY COULD OF COURSE

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FLY DOWN SATURDAY EVENING AND TAKE LATE SUNDAY

NIGHT TRAIN BACK TO LUSAKA (OPTION B, REFTEL C).
NEED KNOW URGENTLY WHICH OF THESE OPTIONS FELLOWS
PREFER.

3. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY WRITTEN TO LIVINGSTONE HOTEL
INTERCONTINENTAL TO CONFIRM RESERVATION IN NAME
"HASENKAMP PARTY" OF SEVEN REPEAT SEVEN DOUBLES
3 SINGLES FOR NIGHT AUG 2, REFTEL (A) MENTIONS ONLY
SIX DOUBLES, 3 SINGLES. PLEASE CLARIFY HOW MANY
DOUBLES ACTUALLY REQUIRED LIVINGSTONE AUG 2.

4. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE BOOKED SEVEN DOUBLES
THREE SINGLES IN RIDGEWAY HOTEL, LUSAKA FOR
NIGHTS AUG 1,2,3. RATES (INCLUDING SERVICE,
TAXES, AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST) APPROX \$33.50
DOUBLE, \$25.00 SINGLE PER NIGHT. CAN CANCEL
AUG 2 AND/OR 3 RESERVATIONS WHEN LIVINGSTONE TRAVEL
PLANS CONFIRMED.

5. AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND MEETINGS
WITH SENIOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BUT NONE YET SCHEDULED.
IF SCHEDULE PERMITS, WILL SET UP MEETINGS WITH
INDIVIDUAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT OFFICIALS; OTHERWISE
PLAN INCLUDE THEM IN AUG 1 RECEPTION FOR FELLOWS TO BE
HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR.

6. TRIP TO COPPERBELT OVER WEEKEND NOT USEFUL.

7. LIVINGSTONE INTERCONTINENTAL WITHIN TWO HUNDRED YARDS OF
VICTORIA FALLS. HOWEVER, BUS WILL BE NEEDED
BETWEEN HOTEL AND TOWN ABOUT FIVE MILES DISTANT.

8. HOPE FELLOWS AWARE THAT ZAMBIA WILL
BE IN MIDST WINTER SEASON AT TIME OF THEIR VISIT.
AIR CONDITIONED BUS NOT REQUIRED BUT WOOLLEN
CLOTHING DESIRABLE, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT.

9. WILL CABLE SUGGESTED SCHEDULE AS SOON AS PARTY'S
WISHES RE FRIDAY ARRIVAL TIME AND LIVINGSTONE
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TRIP KNOWN AND ZAMBIAN RESPONSE OUR REQUEST FOR
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